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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOHN SONES, on behalf of himself, and on
behalf of all persons similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.
15 WORLD MORTGAGE COMPANY; and,
16 Does 1 to 10,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 08-CV-0756 BEN JMA

NOTICE OF RELATED CASE

The Honorable Roger T. Benitez

1 Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 40.1(e), Defendant World Mortgage Company
2 respectfully provides notice that the above-captioned matter is related to two previously filed
3 actions now pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California:
4 (1) *Vinole v. World Savings, Inc.*, No. 06-05296 (filed originally in the Alameda County Superior
5 Court on July 24, 2006 and removed to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of
6 California on August 29, 2006); and (2) *Siu v. Golden West Financial Corp.*, No. 06-07643 (filed
7 originally in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California on September 15, 2006
8 and transferred to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California on December 8,
9 2006). The instant *Sones* action is also related to a similar action pending in Alameda County
10 Superior Court, *McHugh v. World Savings, Inc.*, No. RG07322135 (filed on April 23, 2007).

11 These four cases—the instant *Sones* action, *Vinole*, *Siu*, and *McHugh*—all involve
12 substantially the same issues and parties. Each action asserts claims on behalf of putative classes
13 of loan representatives and alleges that defendant violated applicable labor laws.

14 Assignment of all the federal cases to a single district judge in the Northern
15 District of California is likely to effect a savings of judicial effort and other economies. The
16 Northern District has already preliminarily approved a class settlement that resolves most of the
17 claims in the *Vinole* and *McHugh* actions, and all but one of the Plaintiff's claims in the *Siu* action
18 (Plaintiff Siu's individual claim under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act). The vast majority
19 of the claims asserted in the *Sones* complaint will be extinguished through that pending
20 settlement. The *Sones* claims that are not temporally covered under the terms of that settlement
21 will raise issues and involve parties that overlap with the claims already presented in the *Vinole*,
22 *Siu*, and *McHugh* cases as well as the one claim that will remain in the *Siu* matter. For these
23 reasons, if counsel for the parties are not able to resolve this issue informally, Defendant will
24 move to transfer the later-filed *Sones* action to the Northern District of California, where the cases
25 may be related.

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